

LOVE SPEAKS.

That was I who spoke to thee And the musk Of the cloudy China flowers Filled the air with thoughts of bowers.

It was not the wind at play; Nor a biri Startled by a dream of day Ecftly heard; Nor the outery of the sea; It was I who spoke to thee

-New Orleans Times. THE PAGE THAT KILLS.

Pew Distinguished Americans Who Reach the Age of 70-The Renson Why. Gladstone closes a year of work with his 77th birthday, and in the promise of his future activity refrains from saying an un-kind word in answer to his senior. John Bright. In France, Gravy enters upon a second seven years' term at 50—a record self to a small handful of some enticing mor-sel which his palate takes a famy to almost sel which his palate takes a famy to almost

Hayer; of our vice-presidents only Hamlin and Wheeler. Not only those who gained the

What is the explanation of it? The exceptonal cases of longwrity in this country
prove that Americans can live long. The
death roll proves that they do not. It is
not the climate that hills, it is the pace. We
live too much; we live too fast. The
machine is everyworked; it carries too much
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hand To Draw The Line. strain; it is not allowed time for repairs. We know how to work, but we do not know how to real, and begin the new day's work before the old day's work is over. The strain is perpetual, the wear and tear un-We keep our nerves always at their full tension, and the mind wears out the body. Then after success is achieved. infer the powers of the mind are ripened and the experience of years has given wis-dom, just when all the gains of the lifetime are ready for use and of value to the man and the nation, the body breaks down, and the nation is called on to mourn a real loss, where it might otherwise have hoped to enjoy the harvest of the life's fruition. What a lesson to ambition!-New York

Silliness of Society People.

As remarked at the outset, this notion of bontion not only extends to certain streets
but it covers particular places in the theatres. Last while a young Reston scion of
wealth and culture came to Philadelphia and
was benefits. was handcomely entertained for saveral weeks. Just before leaving begave a theatre party. He chose a fushionable and entirely proper entertainment at the Academy of Music, the leading place of a unsement in the city. He issued his invitations and sent around his tickets. What was his surprise and chaggin to receive an almost unbroken stream of declinations. Some gave one ex-cuse and some mother, while not a few never deigned to answer his invitation, bolding that he had done such an unpardonable thing that they were released from paying bim longer any attention.

Now, the unperdonable thing of which he was guilty consisted in securing his seats on side of the nisis was the feshionable side. This was positively the only thing amisa. Of the fifty invited only fifteen went, and Of course the Bostonian discovered that terested in the checkiness of the liberty something was wrong, but it was not until nearly all of even his fragment of a party had gone and purchased scats for themselves locality more closely than usual. Believe in other parts of the house that one of the me I saw no less than five men come to that ledies vontured to tell him what the difficulty was. - Cor. San Francisco Chroniele.

Suppressing the Bounet Nulsance. Though little is said in the papers now the ladies' clock room almost filled with wraps, bonness and hate, and new lines of hooks have been put up and new checks stamped. Mr. Frommen said the other day: "I am a troubly surprised at the result so tem s far. The other day I received a request for store. a hundred souts in a block for the first night of Mr. Howard's new play. A check was inclosed for the amount and I accordingly sent the seats. So large an order struck me as being somewhat poculiar and I accordingly it. Our system of each sales requires the made inquiries. I found that a club had purchaser to pay for his articles at a cashier's been formed up town whose members are dack on going out. We have, in some cases, pledged to the disuse of bound or hat inside caught people trying to leave the store witha theatra. It was for this club that the tickets were wanted. This of course is cucouraging, and my mail brings me nearly ble for their checks and it is their duty to every day one or more letters bearing upon see their checks are presented to the cachine the subject. Most of them contain terms of for payment, but of course during the busy strong approval of my attempt to procure by gentle spaces the downfall of the tall hat and bonnet in theatres."—New York Tribunal after the holidays."—Chicago Tribuna.

Combination Cost and Vest.

Everybody who has to got into a dress coat ping off the shoulders. These apparently is cont cannot be buttoned—have I flow the cont cannot be buttoned—have I flow. remediable debects—irremediable because the coat cannot be builtoned—have, I find, been completely overcome by well known court tailers of Bedford street, Strand, by attaching the waistroat to the coat in a very simple manner. This when the vest is buttoned the coat for all practical purposes is also the coat for all practical purposes is also buttoned. Moreover, the latter then clings to the figure as closely as a freek coat, and remains in the same position, importing an appearance of smartness about the waist es-pecially, which in a dress suit is really of the pecially, which in a dress suit is really of the utmost importance to the wearer. I have no doubt that the dress coat and vest combined will be very popular during the present sea-son.—London Figure.

Still It Is the Kearsarge.

One could manufacture more sentiment over the threatened condemnation of the Kearrange if a bar of metal or stick of tim-ber or scrap of material of any sort that was a part of the Kearsarge of history entered into the composition of the present ship. We believe that there is a tradition that the old sternpost, or a part of it, of the Kearsarge that sunk the Alabama survives in its namesake of to-day. But even this tradition is more or less legendary. Ettil it is the Kearsarge, and if human betage are allowed to change their substance every seven years without lessing their Elentity, why not a chipf-New York Commercial Advertiser.

To take the "fishy" small from your skil-let after frying fish put soap and water in the skillet and let boil for ten minutes.

Square dinner plates grow in favor, and the newest are a perfect study of artistic

AN ANNOYANCE TO WHICH SOME TRADESMEN ARE SUBJECTED.

Continual Pilfering from the Grocers Exposed Packages of Fruits, Candies and Nuts-Hard to Draw the Line One Man's Plan.

"One of the petty nuisances we have to suffer in our line of 'assiness," said a Wabash avenue grocer, "is the continual pillerings from our counters from exposed packages of fruits, candies, nuis, etc., which our business compel us to display to make them attractive. Now see that old man with his his accounter that the door. He is a daughter coming in at the door. He is a regular customer and comes in almost every evening. Seel No somer does he get through the door than out goes his hand for a small bunch of grapes. There is nothing surreptitions in the act on his part, as you which already peaces that of a Thiers or a Palmerston. As for Germany, the nonegonarian emperor is only two years ahead of his warrior chure, Von Molkke, while Bismarch is a more boy of 77.

How different the record here! Of the distinguished Americans who died last year not one had reached the age of 70. In political life the vetteran Simon Cameron stands alone. The statesmen of to-day belong to a younger generation. All of our presidents since Buchanan went into effice young, and not one of them is living except. Hayer; of our vice-presidents only Hamilia.

"I stand in this palate takes a fancy to almost every evening, as you see he has just done. The father like son' will apply to the daughter also, for there goes the young lady, who is waiting for her father to make his evening purchases, making a bee line for the candy counter, a small his from one tray and a dip into another, until the entire circuit of the store is made. It is true that what they have enten is of small value, but during a whole day, with the hundreds of customers we have going in and out, the aggregate amount of our losses in this very same way is much larger than you would sappose."

"I stand in this part of the store," said

"I stand in this part of the store," said one of the salesmen, "the entire day and and defeated have failed to reach old aga.

Tibles instal until 70 and Frement is 78.
But Grant, Johnson, Arthur, Hancock, McClellan, Colfex, Brown, Bhir, Wilson, all died at an ego when European statement look forward to twenty years of eclive work.

In the army two generals are old enough to be noticed at the are of 53. In local politics be retired at the age of 63. In local politics and respectability, I resolved to test the mat-there are no old mea.

"I went to our manager and told him of my experience, and he gave strict instruc-tions to call the attention of any one who was seen taking such liberties to the fact that the goods were exposed for sale, and were not samples for gratuitous distribution, as they seemed to think. We were also given to understand that if we did this respectfully our condent would meet with the support and encouragement of the proprie-tor. Still, with these rules we runs the line somewhere, and it is hard to tell just where to do so; we have customers whose trade is very profitable, and were we to speak to them of such an action as a liberty taken, and even in the most respectful manner reprove them they would be offended beyond our ability to explain the reason of our doing so and we should certainly lose their trade and their good will for-

At another store, where the counters are ornamented in profusion with delicacies in and out of season, pretty much the same complaint was made although no instructions had been given salesmen to lessen the annovance. This proprietor smiled dryly in conversing with a reporter on the topic and finally said: "One of my experiences with the 'lunch' business, as we call it, was at our cracker and choose counter. For a long time we had our dairy department in an out of the way place in the store, and near by were the cracker boxes and berrels. On several eccasons during the middle of the day I had frequently stood almost directly over this spot and could easily see the movements of every one in the store. Now it might sound absurd for me to say that a business man and neighbor would come into my place the north side of the central side in the orthestra chairs, when society said the south cracker barrel and help himself to a middey lunch, but it is a fact nevertheless.

PUT A STOP TO IT. "And not only did one man do it, but taken with my goods, beyond my pecuniary loss therefrom, I watched that particular counter and help themselves every day until I put a stop to it by moving these articles to places, where by a different arrange other places, where by a directed arrange-ment this sponging could not be continued without being downright theft. Well it would have been worth a week's calary to about Daniel Frohman's experiment in the direction of suppressing the bound puisance at the Lyosum theatrs, the good work is going on more bravely than many imagine by pairs shortly after 12 o'clock and on reaching their accustomed haunts a lock of the stonishment was depicted on their countenances at the metamorphosis of that particular spot. I was almost afraid it would be moneary to take their sute mortern statement before they could leave my

> "Do you have any other similar anney aness in your business" was asked. "Well yes, there is one other, but it is far more serious, and I hardly should speak of out satisfies, but it does not occur very fre-quently, as our salesmen are made responsi-

> > The Newspaper Hau Abend.

Recently in a box at Drury Lane were It took Manager Augustus Harris only a second to decide that his broad was buttered on the newspaper side. So, when the princes demanded the royal box as their right it was sorrowthly ennounced that the box was en-gaged. So a newspaper man sat in the royal box directly above the heads of the princes, who were obliged to content themselves with a little tox on a level with the stage. But the princes had their hour of triumph, too, for the bex into which they were shown had been bought and paid for by Sanker Roths-child. Mr. Rothschild, who failed to recognine the dignitaries, wanted to turn them out when he arrived, but he was squelched in spite of his millions, and later he upped hap-pily with Blowitz and Prince Brakim of Egypt in Harris' sang office.—The Argon-

Signor Marac Antonio Canini, of Venice, can speak fluently ninety-three languages. Mrs. Miller, of Washington, is the apostle Mrs. Miller, of washington, is the aposter of a new dispensation in the way of woman's dress. Her croed is waists instead of corsets, layers of underclothing fitted smoothly to the body, and drawers to match the gown, a sort of adaptation of Lady Habberton's the control of th

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